to establish a balance and strengthen links between physical education and other components of education. Keeping in view the stipulations in the National Policy on Education, 1986, the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has recommended national curriculum for various stages. In these curricula, Health and Physical Education have been perceived as an integral part of the common curriculum at every stage.

To provide a meaningful leadership for young aspiring individuals and to inculcate among them the habit of physical exercises, the Sports Authority of India (SAI) (Lakshmibai Na. tional College of Physical Education, Gwalior) is operating a Physical Education Programme for which an amount of Rs. 134 lakhs has been allocated during current financial year. Under this Scheme, steps are taken to train Teachers and trainers of Teachers in physical education and sports to develop and promote prog, rammes of physical education and sport in school and also to promote general mass participation in physical education.

Sports Authority of India has also evolved the National Physical Fitness (Bharatiyam) Scheme to involve students for inculcating the, habit of physical exercise. Under this Scheme, the school children in the age group of 6-14 years and Physical Education Teachers are trained in large numbers in the technique of synchronised mass physical fitness activities. Displays of such activties are also held.

In another programme of Sports Authority of India i.e. the Pay and Play Scheme, young persons are provided access to playing and coaching facilities in the stadia of Sports Authority of India on nominal payment.

BLEEP system in the country

*330. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to start 'BLEEP' system for paging in the country;

(b) what is the estimated cost of installation of this system; and

(c) by when it is expected to start functioning and whether this facility would be provided to Members of Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The cost details have not been worked out so far for different locations in the country.

(c) The systems are expected to be operational during VTIIth Plan period. This service is proposed to be provided to any desiring person, including Members of Parliament.

Supply of Agricultural inputs

*331. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for non-availability of the fertilizers seeds and insecticides at present for Rabi sowing-season;

(b) by when these items are likely to be made available to farmers at reasonable prices; and

(c) whether the shortage of such items is likely to affect the production of Rabi crops?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) The supply of major fertilisers during the current Rabi season has been generally satisfactory. Temporary shortages of certain fertilisers have,however, occurred due to constraint in movement of materials and shortfall in local production. Arrangements have been made to meet the shortfall in supply from alternative sources including imports.